

Variety and competition is the spice of life and the foundation of our country. Ever since I got my XM Satellite Radio a little over a year ago my life has changed considerably for the better. I spend many hours in my car commuting and love the fact that I can listen to a great assortment of choices without commercials and near-perfect sound quality. As such, I was also thrilled to find out that XM started carrying local traffic and weather for cities throughout the country. I can't wait for the local traffic and weather channel in Miami to start broadcasting sometime this year.

I believe that the NAB and all commercial radio stations throughout the country should try to COMPETE with satellite radio rather than turn to the government for help. The reason I purchased XM and gleefully pay the monthly fee is because I am tired of the lack of choices and excessive repetition of the locally available FM and AM radio stations.

Perhaps the FM and AM stations should pay better attention to what their listeners want rather than strong-arming the very viable and necessary competition being provided by both satellite radio providers.

I respectfully request that you please reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and allow myself and all other consumers who enjoy satellite radio to continue to benefit from their expanding choices.